



Let Your Light Shine

A Message from Principal Todora...

As we prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior, God calls us all to come to Him through our actions of love and caring deeds for others.

Reflective preparation helps us intentionally pay tribute to the birth of Jesus Christ and helps clear a path free of distractions so we can fully see God's graces working. As we enter this Advent season, embrace the joy and goodness in our children while letting your light shine on others.

Sincerely,
Principal Todora



**"PREPARE
THE WAY
OF THE
LORD,
MAKE
STRAIGHT
HIS PATHS."**

MARK 1:3



Saluting Our Veterans



St. Paul students honored our local Veterans at a Veterans Day Mass on Thursday, Nov. 10th. Our Kindergarten through 3rd grade classes prepared a special presentation of the "Grand Ole Flag" and recognitions were made to all Veterans in attendance.

Thank you to those who served and to our active military families!

Thank you!

VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Winners

Each year, students in grades 6th-8th participate in the Patriot's Pen essay contest sponsored by the Highland VFW. This contest involved drafting a 300- to 400-word essay based on the theme, "My Pledge to Our Veterans." St. Paul School winners for this year's contest are 8th grader, Gavin Klostermann (1st Place) and 6th graders, Emma Meyer (2nd Place) and Kylie Marti (3rd Place). Congratulations!



6th Grade Saint Wax Museum

Our 6th grade students created a living wax museum presentation for All Saints Day on Nov. 1st. Students chose a Saint to research, dressed up, and prepared speeches about their life and accomplishments to present to other classes and families.





Bus Evacuation

First Student visited our school on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd for our annual bus evacuation drill. Drivers performed drills with students to remind them of how to safely leave the bus in an event of an emergency.

St. Paul School uses First Student for various field trips throughout the year and for bus transportation to and from school. Please contact Britany Ulmer at Highland CUSD5 at 618-654-2106 if you would like to schedule your K-8th grade student for bus service.



Peace Poster

Congratulations to our Highland Lions Club Peace Poster Contest winner, Emma Meyer! Her artwork will be sent on to the regional competition. Other participants included: Haley Weinacht, Lexi Iberg, Ava Taylor, Kylie Marti, and Cecelia Erlinger. We love when our students get creative!



For the safety of our students, please BACK INTO parking spaces in the Church parking lot and be watchful of your surroundings at dismissal times.

Thank you for your help!

BACK BY REQUEST!

A binder of our faculty and staff's "Favorite Things" is available in the school office. Please stop by if you would like to see their lists!



SAVE THE DATE!

Our next restaurant fundraiser is on Tuesday, December 13th at Domino's Pizza! More info to follow.



Ice Cream
Sandwiches &
Concessions
Available for
Sale!

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

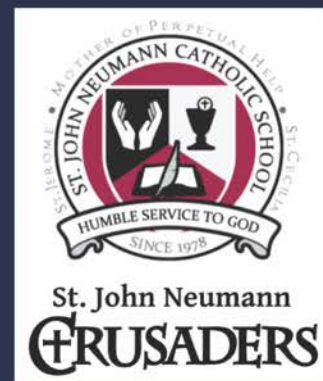
BASKETBALL

EIGHTH GRADE NIGHT

FRIDAY, DEC 2, 2022



VS



Games starting at
6 P.M.

St. Paul Catholic School
Gym

6 p.m. - 7/8 Grade Girls vs. SJN

7 p.m. - 7/8 Grade Boys vs. SJN

8th grade players and parents will be recognized between games.



Advisory Board

The 2022-2023 St. Paul School Advisory Board met on Tuesday, November 1st in Trinity Hall. Our School Board is made up of appointed members whose purpose is to provide counsel to the Principal and Pastor. Members include, seated left to right, Brooke Magary, Mindy Miller, Lisa Engelke, and Abbey McGinley (Chairperson). Standing left to right, Candi Strehl (Vice Chairperson), Rachelle Lengermann, Katelyn Zobrist, Principal Todora, Assistant Principal Renee Mitchell, Stephanie Kuhn, Don Johannes, and Laurie Frank. Not pictured is Apryl Marti (Secretary). The Advisory Board meets the first Tuesday of every month. If you have a concern or issue that you would like addressed to the Board, please speak to any of the above mentioned members. Special thanks to our Board for volunteering their time and talents!



Food Drive

The SPS Student Council held a food drive on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd. With all classes participating, the Council was able to donate 577 pounds of food to the Highland Area Christian Service Ministry! Donations will be given to families in need throughout the holidays. Thank you for your generosity!



What would you take to the New World?

Our third grade pilgrims presented their trunks filled with all the necessities.



Welcome to our "House"

On Tuesday, Nov. 22nd our K-8th grade students and faculty participated in the first meeting of the Houses! In this new school engagement strategy, students are placed within four large communities: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. From there, students break out into individual groups or "houses", named after Saints, with a mixture of students from all grade levels.



The mission of the "House System" is to inspire a Christ-centered culture of excellence where students grow in wisdom, courage, and character. We are hoping that this can be a way to focus on the bonds and connections of our St. Paul students.

We will be having various "house days" throughout the year. This month, classes introduced themselves to other students and participated in a community building activity to make their house banner. Our Preschool students are looking forward to being in a house too and will be grouped with the other next month.

Ask your child if they met a new friend at their house!





Viking Night

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, January 28, 2023 - Highland Knights of Columbus Hall

How can you help?

Please visit www.stpaulvikings.org/viking-night to volunteer!

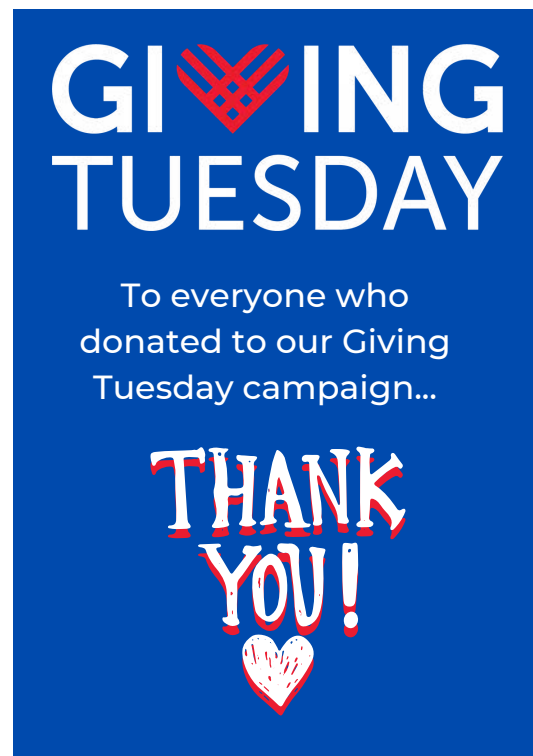
We would like to thank all of our volunteers, donors, and sponsors, especially those businesses who have donated at the Ruby (\$250) level or higher. THANK YOU!

(Click on the icons below to view their website.)




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Remember St. Paul Catholic School while you shop at Amazon this Christmas season by purchasing through Amazon Smile! Select St. Paul Educational Foundation and a portion of your purchase will be given to the foundation to help families in need offset the cost of tuition.



GIVING TUESDAY

To everyone who donated to our Giving Tuesday campaign...

THANK YOU!





St. Paul Catholic School Cafeteria Menu December 2022

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
			1 1: Chicken Drumstick 2: Ham & Cheese Sub Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Applesauce	2 EARLY DISMISSAL NO CAFETERIA
5 1: Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce 2: Turkey & Cheese Sub Green Beans Pineapple	6 1: Chicken Nuggets 2: Corn Dog Corn Mandarin Oranges	7 1: Toasted Ravioli w/ Marinara Sauce 2: Chicken Strips Buttered Noodles Grapes	8 1: Chicken Patty on Bun 2: Cheeseburger Fries Orange Slices	9 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Peaches
12 1: Cheese Quesadilla 2: Hard Tacos Mexican Rice Apple Slices	13 1: Pancakes 2: Waffles Sausage Patty Hash Brown Patty Apple Juice	14 1: Popcorn Chicken 2: Ham & Cheese Sub Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Pears	15 1: Pretzel & Cheese 2: Nachos and Cheese Green Beans Mixed Fruit	16 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Applesauce
19 1: Chicken Strips 2: Turkey Sub Tater Tots Peaches	20 1: French Toast 2: Bagel & Cream Cheese Sausage Hash Brown Patty Pineapple	21 EARLY DISMISSAL NO CAFETERIA	22 CHRISTMAS VACATION DEC. 22 - JAN. 4	23
26	27 MERRY	28 	29 CHRISTMAS!	30

School Lunch: \$4 (Does not include milk); Choose Option #1 or #2
 White or Chocolate Milk: \$.50 ea.
 A La Carte Fruit and Extra sides: \$.50 ea.
 Extra Entree: \$1
 Snack of the Day: \$.75 ea. (Limit one per student) For Grades 2nd - 8th ONLY

*Menu subject to change. All items will be charged to the student's FACTS account during the school day.
 A La Carte Items will vary depending on availability.*



Christmas Parade

With a "Candyland Christmas" theme, our 4th grade families built a SWEET float for the Highland Lighted Christmas Parade!

The SPS Marching Band and Color Guard were back this year entertaining the crowd with the sights and sounds of Christmas.

A big thank you to Mrs. Henze, Mrs. Albaugh, Mrs. Kuhn and all our talented students and families for making this evening possible.



Christmas Concerts

Sunday, December 18th - 2 p.m.

St. Paul Church

- Grades 1st-4th, 5th-8th Band, 4th-8th Chorus

Tuesday, December 20th - 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul Church

- Grades Pre3 - Kindergarten





Looking Ahead...

DECEMBER 2

Mass @ 8:20 a.m.
Pep Rally; 11:35 a.m. Dismissal
8th Grade Basketball Night

DECEMBER 3

2nd Grade First Reconciliation
10 a.m. St. Paul Church

DECEMBER 8

Mass @ 8:20 a.m.

DECEMBER 13

Dominoes Fundraiser

DECEMBER 16

Mass @ 8:20 a.m.; Concert Dress
Rehearsals for 1st-3rd, Chorus 4-8th
(during school hours)

DECEMBER 18

Christmas Concert @ 2 p.m.
1st-4th, 5-8th Band, 4-8th Chorus

DECEMBER 20

Pre3-K Christmas Concert @ 6:30
p.m.

DECEMBER 21

End of 2Q; Mass @ 8:20 a.m.
11:35 a.m. Dismissal; No PM Bus
No VKC

DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 4

No School - Christmas Holiday

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The SPS Choir singing at the Veterans Day Mass.

*Let every heart,
prepare Him room!*